

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 7-10, 12, 15, 16, 19-23 and 33 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 3, 7-10, 12, 19, 23 and 33 have been amended. Claims 2, 4-6, 11, 13, 14, 17, 18 and 24-32 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

It is noted with appreciation that the Office Action has indicated that claims 11, 14, 19 and 23 would be allowable if rewritten to include all the limitations of the base claim and of any intervening claims. Allowable claim 11 and intervening claim 5 have been incorporated into base claim 1. Claims 3 and 7-10 have been amended to depend from claim 1. Accordingly, it is submitted that independent claim 1 and its dependent claims 3 and 7-10 are now in condition to be allowed.

Allowable claim 14 has been incorporated into base claim 12, there being no intervening claims. Accordingly, it is submitted that independent claim 12 and its dependent claims 15 and 16 are now in condition to be allowed.

Allowable claim 19 has been amended to incorporate base claim 18, there being no intervening claims. Accordingly, it is submitted that independent claim 19 and its dependent claims 20-22 are now in condition to be allowed.

Allowable claim 23 has been amended to incorporate base claim 18 and intervening claim 20. Accordingly, it is submitted that independent claim 23 is now in condition to be allowed.

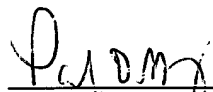
Independent claim 33 has been amended to incorporate the language of amended claim 1, which is now in condition to be allowed. Accordingly, it is submitted that independent claim 33 is now in condition to be allowed.

For the reasons set forth above, it is submitted that claims 1, 3, 7-10, 12, 15, 16, 19-23 and 33 are now in condition to be allowed. Since all other claims are canceled, this application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, the new rejections under 35 U.S.C 103(a) are obviated by the Amendment and should be withdrawn.

It is respectfully requested for the reasons set forth above that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) be withdrawn, that claims 1, 3, 7-10, 12, 15, 16, 19-23 and 33 be allowed and that this application be passed to issue.

Respectfully Submitted,

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